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annum of this sum, or such part thereof as may be necessary, to be expended in cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants; also the sum of \$3,000 per annum for the free treatment and sustenance of poor persons, certified as such by an overseer of the poor or other officers in charge of the dispensation of public charity in the several counties of the State, and certified by a licensed physician to have been bitten or otherwise wounded by rabid animals and put in danger of infection from rabies (hydrophobia). This sum to be expended according to the provisions of "An act to provide for the treatment of poor persons afflicted with the disease called rabies," approved May 12, 1905.

Also the rum of \$2,500, or as much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred in the treatment of poor persons duly certified to have been bitten by rabid animals or otherwise put in danger from rabies, in the Pasteur Institute in Chicago, subsequent to January 1, 1911.

To the State board of health, also the sum of \$20,000 per annum, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for expenses of examination, investigation of colleges, and State board examinations, office and traveling expenses for members of the board, postage, clerical services, printing; and binding, license certificates, fees returned, translations, incidental expenses, per diem of members of board rating papers, special investigations, association dues, expenses in attending association meetings and meetings called on account of the enforcement of the medical practice and embalmers' acts: *Provided*, That no part of this sum to be expended for legal services.

## KENTUCKY.

## Births and Deaths—Registration of. (Act to Amend Act Entitled "An Act to Establish a Bureau of Vital Statistics," etc. Chap. 24, Mar. 11, 1912.)

SECTION 1. Amend section 4 of said act by striking out all of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following words so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Sec. 4. That within 90 days after the taking effect of this act, or as soon thereafter as possible, the State board of health shall appoint a local registrar, deputy registrar, or both, of vital statistics for each registration district in the State, excepting such cities or towns or registration districts as are otherwise provided for.

"The said board may, at its discretion, appoint as local registrar or deputy registrar, any registration official under this act, undertaker, or person or persons who furnish coffins, who shall serve for the district or districts as designated by said board, any county or city official who shall serve ex officio as the local or deputy registrar of the registration district or districts for which he is appointed.

"The term of the office of local and deputy registrars appointed by said board shall be for four years, beginning with the 1st day in January of the year in which this act shall take effect, and their successors shall be appointed at least 10 days before the expiration of their term of office.

"Any local or deputy registrar, appointed by said board, who fails or neglects to efficiently discharge the duties of his office as laid down in this act, or who fails to make prompt and complete returns of births and deaths as required hereby, shall be forthwith removed from his office by the State board of health and his successor appointed, in addition to any other penalties that may be imposed, under other sections of this act, for failure or neglect to perform his duty.

"Each local registrar appointed by said board shall immediately appoint one or more deputies, whose duty it shall be to act in his stead in case of absence, illness, or disability, and who shall accept such appointment in writing, which shall be filed in the office of the State registrar, and who shall be subject to all rules and regulations governing the action of local registrars: *Provided*, That in cities or towns where health officers, or secretaries of local boards of health, or other officials, at the date of this act, are officiating as registrars of births and deaths under local ordinances to the

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satisfaction of the State registrar, such officers shall be continued as registrars in and for such cities and towns, but shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the State board of health, and to all the provisions of this act.

"That it shall be the duty of any deputy registrar appointed under the provisions of this act to report promptly any certificates of births or deaths to the local registrar of the district in which the birth or death occurred; and that it shall be unlawful for any local or deputy registrar, sexton, physician, or undertaker to charge a fee to any member of a family in which a death has occurred for complying with any of the provisions of this act."

Sec. 2. Amend section 5 of said act by striking out all of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following words so that said section when so amended shall read as follows:

"Sec. 5. That the body of any person whose death occurs in the State shall not be interred, deposited in a vault or tomb, cremated, or otherwise disposed of, or removed from or into any registration district until a permit for burial, removal, or other disposition shall have been promptly issued by the registrar of the registration district in which the death occurs. And no such burial or removal permit shall be issued by any registrar until a complete and satisfactory certificate and return of the death has been filed with him as hereinafter provided: Provided, That a transit permit issued in accordance with the law and health regulations of the place where the death occurred, whether in Kentucky or outside of the State, may be accepted by the local registrar of the district where the body is to be interred or otherwise finally disposed of, as a basis upon which he shall issue a local burial permit, in the same way as if the death occurred in his district, but he shall plainly enter on the face of the copy of the record which he shall make for the return to the State registrar the fact that it was a body shipped in for interment and give the actual place of death. But when a body is removed from a district in Kentucky to another district the registrar's burial or removal permit from the district where the death occurred may be accepted as authority for burial at the point of destination. Provided, however, That in the event that the death of a person occurs outside of the cities and incorporated towns, nothing in this act shall be construed to delay, beyond a reasonable time, the interment or other disposition of a body unless the services of the coroner or the health officer are required, as prescribed by law, or the State board of health shall deem it necessary for the protection of the public health. And it shall be the duty of the undertaker or person acting as such to file with the local registrar or deputy registrar, prior to the interment, a provisional certificate of death which shall contain the name, date and place of death of the deceased, and an agreement to furnish within five days a complete and satisfactory certificate of death, and it shall be the duty of the undertaker or person acting as such to secure a complete and satisfactory certificate of death as provided in section 9 of the act and return it within five days from the date of burial to the local registrar of the district in which the death occurred. And if there be no undertaker, or person who acts as such, then it shall be the duty of the head of the family in which the death occurred to notify, within five days of date of death, the local registrar of the district in which it occurred of the fact of the death. It shall then be the duty of the local registrar to procure promptly said certificate of death."

SEC. 3. That all other laws or parts of laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

MARYLAND.

## Appropriation for Work of State Board of Health. (Act, Chap. 352, Apr. 15, 1912.)

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section 21 (I) of chapter 560 of the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1910 be, and the same is hereby, repealed and reenacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

"21 (I). For the purpose of making effective the provisions of this act the sum of \$24,000 per annum, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated,